



## CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Senator Andrea Stillman, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee  
Representative Stephan Dargan, Co-Chair Public Safety & Security Committee

My name is Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative for the Connecticut State Firefighters Association. Our Association represents approximately 28,000 career and volunteer firefighters in Connecticut.

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association wishes to go on record in support of the concept provided by **Raised House Bill #6453, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN APPROACHING STATIONARY EMERGENCY VEHICLES.** The Fire Service of the State of Connecticut is very much in favor of so called "MOVE OVER" legislation.

According to a report from the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition entitled **RESPONDER SAFETY**, "As dangerous as firefighting is, transportation-related incidents claim about 20 percent of the roughly 105 firefighter on-duty deaths each year, and struck-by deaths account for a growing proportion. In June 2001, NIOSH reported that the number of firefighters struck and killed by motor vehicles had increased by 89 percent in the previous five years. Seventeen (17) firefighters had been struck and killed between 1995 & 1999, compared to nine (9) between 1990 & 1994." The report goes on to state "Of the six (6) firefighters who died in struck-by incidents in 2002, three (3) were killed as they assisted on the scene of motor vehicle crashes, one (1) on the scene of a vehicle fire, one (1) on the scene of a wildland fire, and one (1) during training near a roadway." We would suggest that one (1) firefighter struck-by death is too many.

It is our opinion that legislation such as that proposed in House Bill #6453 would go a long way towards reducing all emergency services workers struck-by deaths.

We would like to suggest a slight change in the language of the bill. In line 12, we would ask that you delete the word "three" and insert the word "two", so as to include at least two of the high speed two lane highways in this state.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Schroll, Legislative Representative  
Connecticut State Firefighters Association